



CHARLEY CORNER

A GLASS OF WINE, A LOAF OF BREAD AND THOU—These are the things basically that are life and make life worth living. The work we do and the sweat and tears we shed to bring these things about are only the means to an end. This brings up the thought of the many, many little problems connected with our regular daily life. For instance, our job to provide the money for the home and fireside. The work we do to provide recreation and entertainment for the ones we love.

The first consideration immediately outside our home is our neighbors and our home is our neighbors and our neighborhood. Next comes the town we live in, our county, our state, and the United States.

Today let's talk our town and our responsibility to it. One of our responsibilities is to vote on city elections. There's a city election coming up April 13th. Along with the bond issues we are to vote on, we are to elect two people to the City Council. We can tell ourselves, "Well, why vote? I don't know those people that are running"—and many of us probably don't but here's a way we can get acquainted.

April 8th at 8:00 P. M. at The Civic Auditorium, at the corner of El Prado and Cravens Avenue, in downtown Torrance, all of the candidates will be assembled. Those candidates will talk to us about the problems facing us and our town. We will be free to ask questions if there are any questions on our minds. This is being sponsored by our Chamber of Commerce and the merchants so that we can get to know our candidates and choose the two we would like to add to the Council for the next four years.

Along with meeting these fine people and seeing many of your friends, the merchants are giving away \$100 in cash and many many merchandise gifts, little and big. Free tickets for the drawing may be picked up at any downtown store. So drop downtown and grab yourself some free tickets. Be at the meeting on April 8th, make your choice, and on April 13th, cast your vote. In many countries we wouldn't have this privilege.

Somebody once said, "To make friends, be easy to live with and conquer indifference toward other folks."

Jo-Jo, the "talking dog," wasn't talking. He sat on his bar stool in deep meditation. The master he had been loyal to for so long was going to sell him. The greedy buyer had visions of television shows, personal appearances, and huge sums of gold. All of this for the small investment of \$500. After the deal was consummated, the men shook hands and each started on his way. The buyer was happy with his prize talking dog. The seller was happy with his \$500. Poor Jo-Jo, his little heart broken, could not hold back the tears as he told his master goodbye. "Master, I've served you well and you've failed me. I'll never talk again." He never did. (Need I say that the seller was a ventriloquist???)

OUR GUESTS THIS WEEK

- THURSDAY, MARCH 25—Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Craig 1233 Ashley
- FRIDAY, MARCH 26—Mr. and Mrs. Tony Biletti 1233 Ashley
- SATURDAY, MARCH 27—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hart 3100 S. Harvard
- SUNDAY, MARCH 28—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mitten
- MONDAY, MARCH 29—Mr. and Mrs. Danny Desmond 2412 Andros
- TUESDAY, MARCH 30—Mr. and Mrs. M. Evans 1215 Hahn Ave.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Chambers 165 - 21 St. Lomita

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Students to See THS One-Act Plays Today

Comedy and tragedy will share the stage this afternoon at Torrance High School when the first student performance of three original one-act plays will be presented.

The students' annual Original One-Act Play Tournament will go before the public Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock in the school auditorium. Tickets can be obtained from any drama student, instructor or at the door on the night of the performance. There will be no reserved seats.

Awards Slated
The student plays and performers will be in competition for awards donated by radio and film star Rosemary DeCamp, of Hollywood Riviera. The actress and her husband, Judge John Shidler, president of the Torrance Board of Education, will act as host and hostess at a reception to be held in the school cafeteria following the performance, at which Dr. James Butler, of the USC drama department, will discuss the plays with their authors.

Prizes will be awarded for the best play, best director, best actor and actress by Mrs. Shidler.

Three Plays Compete
Competing for prizes will be two tragedies and a comedy. The comedy, "Safecracker's Suite," by Jerry Westmoreland and Rodney Williams, was directed by Nancy La Duke and stars David Heffner, Bob Shanklin, John Pennington, Chet Graves, Dick Landgraf, Dick Rudy, Dale Williams and Mike Monahan.

"Road to Freedom," by Carol Davis and Carl Larsen, tells the story of prisoners in a German POW camp during World War II and their thoughts before going to the firing squad. In the cast are Bob Hopkins, James Martin, Larry Radicky, Richard Knappenberger, Ronald Jadin and David Smith. Miss Davis directed.

The third play, "Dawn," was written by Leon Serin and stars Judy Judson, Joe Lafferty, Don McLeod, Bob Kelley and Don Forth. It concerns members of the French underground during World War II.

Faculty supervisors for the tourney are Louis Bereskin and Von Hershage; production manager is Joan Leech; business manager is Sally Holzman; in charge of publicity is Flo Luongo; programs are being handled by Miss Leech and Babs Whitley, and Gerry Hawkins is house manager.

Tartar Teen Talk

By PEGGY WOOD FA 8-7298

It seems many of the chemistry students at THS are getting ready to enter the 40th Annual High School Chemistry Contest sponsored by the Southern California Section of the American Chemical Society. The contest is Saturday, April 24 at USC.

The purpose of this contest is to select by competitive examination students showing exceptional promise for further study of chemistry and to recognize the schools and teachers who have trained them.

Each school may enter either a team or a team and individual contestants or only individual contestants.

The number of students whose scores contribute to the team score is determined by the sum of enrollment in the chemistry classes. Torrance may enter four students, with one alternate.

Several universities and colleges participate in the program by offering 10 scholarships ranging up to \$650 to the top winners.

After the examination, which will be in the morning, the contestants will have lunch, and in the afternoon they will hear talks and see demonstrations on the professional aspect of chemistry, glassblowing, radioactivity and take a visit to the laboratories.

A team was sent last year from THS and finished in 17th place. Statistics for last year are: There were 319 contestants and 74 schools entered. There were 81 teams, and the average grade for the exam was 395.

Top two from Torrance were Bill Whittington, who had a score of 480 ranking him 55th and Basil Brady, who scored 455 and was ranked 73rd.

We want to wish this year's team and individual contestants a lot of luck for April 24.

With the bad weather this last week, there hasn't been too much social life at THS.

Saturday, March 20, the Debutante Y-Teens, a junior club, were given a "come-as-you-are" breakfast at the YUC. The girls were all awakened about 7 a.m. by three of their fellow club members. A delicious breakfast was cooked by the advisors and it was enjoyed by all the members.

Saturday night several of the present and a few past Tartars were seen at the Palladium. Enjoying the music of Jerry Gray were Ann Steinbaugh and Don Kaaten, Betty Davis and Richard "Uggie" Uggland, Babs Whitley and Tom Long and Peggy Wood and Harold Philip.

This past week the winners of the Bank of America Achievement Awards were announced. Six seniors will receive certificates and four will receive cups with certificates.

Most of the cup winners will compete next against cup winners from 18 other high schools of this zone on April 22 when they will appear before a judging panel of civic leaders.

Receiving cups were Bill Whittington, science and mathematics; Claire Bentwood, fine arts; Lynn Lorenz, liberal arts; and Sally Sprout, vocational arts.

Certificate winners in their fields were Beverly Krueger, laboratory science; Mike Silver, art; Richard Gatley, English; Frank Sheffield, foreign language; Lynn Saine, home economics; and Larry Morgan, trades and industrial.

THS is really proud of these Tartars. They deserve a lot of congratulations for working so hard to achieve this honor.

Practice is now in full swing for those Tartars who are planning on going out for yell leader, song queen, or majorette. Tryouts for majorette have been set for May 7. It is believed that this year there are more students trying out for these positions than ever before.

This year both the baseball team and track team at THS are doing exceptionally well. To make them winning teams they need both the students' and the parents' support. We hope that you will all attend these events as often as possible.

If you want to have a terrific evening of entertainment this coming weekend, plan on seeing the third annual presentation of One Act Plays this Saturday night at 8:15 in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door for 50c each. Plays to be presented are "Dawn."

Finch Press Confab Today

Inglewood Attorney Robert Finch, candidate for Congress from the 17th District, will meet the press at a luncheon today at the Fish Shanty.

Finch is making his second attempt to replace veteran Cecil R. King as 17th District Congressman. In the 1952 campaign, he forced King into the general election but lost.

Supported by the 17th District Republican Committee, Finch has cross-filed. Democrat King also has cross-filed.

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A Winning Campaign Promised by Finch

A winning campaign was promised voters of the 17th Congressional District by Robert H. "Bob" Finch, Inglewood attorney who polled more than 92,500 votes in 1952, as he filed nomination papers for Congress this week with Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite.

Finch, a Marine Corps officer during both World War I and the Korean War, gave incumbent Cecil King the battle of his long political life in 1952 with a whirlwind campaign which forced the Democrat into his first runoff in all his years in Congress.

"I decided to run for Congress again for two reasons," Finch said, "Number one is that the people of the 17th District now need active, vigorous representation more than ever. Number two is that I not only can, but will, win."

"In 1952 we started with just a handful of people who thought the stranglehold the incumbent had had on the district for so many years could be broken. This time we are starting with the realization that more than 92,500 voters are already with us. With their support, and the pledged support of community service and other organizations all over the district, I will be elected. We plan to wage a positive campaign solely on the issues, and sincerely hope that everyone on both sides will avoid the use of personal mudslinging."

Cross-Filed
The officially endorsed candidate of the 17th Congressional District Republican fact-finding committee, Finch also filed on the Democratic ticket for the June 8 primary. He is a partner in the law firm of Finch, Bell, Duitman & Jelke and a trustee of Palos Verdes College.

His political experience includes the office of Executive Secretary to Norris Poulson when the Los Angeles Mayor was representing California in the U. S. Congress; California Delegate to the 1948 National Republican Convention; and vice-chairman of the Los Angeles County Central Committee.

A resident of the 17th Congressional District since early childhood, Finch is a graduate of Inglewood High School, Occidental College and the USC School of Law, and was elected student body president of all three schools.

This Monday night the Tri-Hi-Y at THS attended "The Railroad Hour," a radio show starring Gordon Mac Rae. Everyone attending the show had a wonderful time.

Last night the Varsity, JV, and U basketball teams were honored with a basketball banquet. At this time the boys were given their letters. Bob Moon was presented with his All-CIF award and his first string Bay League trophy. Bob Guerra and Jerry Farrar were also given their awards for honorable mention on the Bay League team. Guest speaker was Ken Flowers.

This brings you up to date on the happenings of THS.

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